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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, setting a three-month statutory period for response. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 16, 34 and 44 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

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